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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

David W. SCOTT and Elias T. ZAMBIDIS

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TOLEROGENIC FUSION PROTEINS OF IMMUNOGLOBULINS AND METHODS FOR INDUCING AND MAINTAINING TOLERANCE Examiner: M.Wilson

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Box AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated December 20, 2000 (paper no. 19), for which a response was due on March 20, 2001, and for which a two-month extension of time is requested, extending the period of time for response to May 20, 2001. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Amendments and Remarks in response.